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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT

1. SUMMARY - PRESIDENT FORD'S MARCH 18 SPEECH AND PRESS CONFERENCE AT SOUTH BEND RECEIVED PROMINENT FRONTPAGE PLACEMENT IN ALL MAJOR TAIWAN PAPERS WITH STRESS ON HIS INDOCHINA COMMENTS. INITIAL EDITORIAL COMMENT SUPPORTED HIS REJECTION OF ISOLATIONISM. END SUMMARY.

2. MIN TSU EVENING NEWS (60,000) EDITORIALY SUPPORTED PRESIDENT'S REJECTION OF ISOLATION AND HIS CONVICTION CONCERNING U.S. ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS. THOUGH IT SEEMED BIT LATE AS FAR AS INDOCHINA CONCERNED, PRESIDENT'S WORDS STILL HELPFUL IN AROUSING AMERICAN APPEASERS AND RAISING HOPES FOR A TURN IN THE WORLD SITUATION. MIN TSU CITED THREE POINTS: (1) MODERN WARFARE RULES OUT RETURN TO DAY OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE; (2) WORLD CONFRONTATION HAS TAKEN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BEYOND REGIONAL BOUNDARIES OF PRE-WORLD WAR TWO; (3) U.S. BECAME DEEPLY INVOLVED IN BEARING ENTIRE WORLD'S MORAL RESPONSIBILITY AFTER WORLD WAR TWO. U.S. PRESENTLY IS MAIN TARGET OF COMMUNIST ATTACKS. ACCORDINGLY, U.S. CANNOT AFFORD TO RETREAT TO AMERICA PROPER WITH COMMUNISTS IN HOT PURSUIT. MIN TSU HOPED THAT  
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AMERICAN PEOPLE AND PARTICULARLY MEMBER OF CONGRESS WILL

CONTEMPLATE FORD'S ADVICE AND REALIZE THAT ONLY UNION  
CAN PRODUCE NATIONAL STRENGTH.  
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